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**RULE 116 RESPONSE**

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This paper addresses the Final Office Action dated January 3, 2003. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the remarks below.

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**REMARKS**

Claims 6 and 10-24 are pending in the present application. It is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable, and reconsideration of the present application is requested for at least the following reasons.

**I. THE 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) REJECTION BASED  
ON BURR SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN**

The Examiner has rejected Claims 15, 20, 21 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 2,172,045 to Burr et al. (the "Burr" reference). It is